

LAW NOT TO BLAME FOR BOXER'S DEATH

**Respect for It by Albany Club
Would Have Saved Mc-
Donald's Life.**

SHOULD NOT KILL SPORT

By INNIS BROWN.

Without doubt the situation which the boxing game in New York State is facing just now is a very grave and serious one. The fact that an official of the game has been called on to explain certain matters relative to the conduct of his office has produced a rather unenviable flavor to the game, and has come under State provisions. Regardless of the outcome of this hearing, which is for the time being at a rest, the situation has laid the sport open to stinging criticism for some time. It is, then too, the death in the ring of a young boxer in Albany just at the time when this investigation was in progress has aggravated an already deplorable condition.

However, in fairness to the sport, it may be pointed out that the death of young Stephen McDonald is hardly sufficient grounds for raising any im-

But it is as well to remember that even a bunch of cowboys can do damage, save possibly tiddieknives, if you know any men that play the game, fatal accidents sometimes occur. Annually every sport in which the American public takes an interest claims a few fatalities. Baseball, football, automobile racing and other sports produce fatalities each year.

Sport Has Small Toll.

As a matter of fact, boxing is as moderate in the taking of life as the real strenuous sports. Few and far between are deaths from boxing matches. It has been about four years since Luther McCarty was killed in a ring battle. McCarty was the best boxer of his day wide not to lose his life in the ring. Of course, there have been others since him,

In reality the blame in the case of young Stephen McDonald attaches to the club before which he boxed. To say the least this club was very lax in allowing him to go into the bout. Without doubt a weak heart was largely

closed this fact. Wherever boxing is permitted State laws require examinations in advance. But quite frequently these examinations are at most perfunctory affairs. They should be very carefully and rigidly made, and wherever cause appears why a boxer should not be allowed to go into a ring he

Charlie Schmidt a Bone Setter.
Big Charlie Schmidt, former Detroit catcher, is threatening to set up in rivalry to Bonesetter Reese in the matter of nursing back to effectiveness ball players whose muscles, tendons and other physical equipment have slipped out of

ing to persuade George Foster of the Red Sox to take treatment under him.

Schmidt, whose home is in Fort Smith, Arkansas, rounded up Foster while the former Red Sox was on a visit to that city. Schmidt explained how he had worked the kinks out of his arm, which

that he can throw as well now as he ever could. He spent several seasons as a manager of the Mobile club in the Southern League. During that time he earned quite a reputation for taking hold of pitchers whose arms were sup-

Wagner Due for Cut in Salary.

True enough these be rather tough days for the baseball magnate, and without doubt retrenchments may be advisable if not indeed absolutely neces-

and the announcement from Pittsburgh that Barney Dreyfuss will cut a slice from the salary check of the veteran Hans Wagner. Barney is bent on pruning the salary list of the Pirates and Honus is due to fall beneath the ax.

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to that stage where he draws pleasant reveries in coming back over the days of pennants and success of the club, he must associate Wagner with these dreams in a highly prominent role.

Wallace on hand just as long as Bobby wanted to stay. Even after he tried out as an umpire he was taken back again. Yet Wagner, who is still counted as a valuable man to his club in a playing way, is to suffer a salary cut. Not much

SAIER NOT SIGNED.
LANSING, Mich., Jan. 31.—Vic Saiers, first baseman for the Chicago National League team, denied to-day that he had come to terms for 1917. The statement came out in reply to a report from this

NEW ORLEANS RESULTS.
First Race—Maiden 2-year-olds and upward; claiming, one mile. Grubbs, the Chocoll, 7 to 10, 1 to 4 and out, won; Braumtree, 115 (harness), 10 to 1, 1 to 1 and 2 to 1, second.

Second Race—Four year-olds and upward; claiming; one mile and a sixteenth. Carlton to 2, Watts to 2, to 2 and 1 to 2. **Third Race**—School for Scandal, 100; Harrett, 20 won, 1 to 1 and 1 to 1; second, Brian Horn, 115; T. McTaggart, 5 to 1 to 1 and 1 to 2. **Fourth Race**—1 mile. Louis De Cogneta, Chilton to 2, Time, 1:20. **Fifth Race**—Also ran.

Fourth Race: For 1-year-olds and upward; handicaps: one mile and a sixteenth. No

6 and 2 in 2nd; Strlen Aale, 1st; Crowder, 11 to 5; 4 to 6; and 1 to 7. Time 1:45. Paymaster and Intend. He also ran.

Both Race For 3 years olds and upwards: claiming one mile and seventy yards. Run 111 examples: to 1 to 6 and 5 to 5 won; Hugh Ross, 1st; Warrle, 12 to 5; 4 to 5 and 1 to 2 second; Tootsie, 10 Jefferson, 2

one mile. Value, 112. Robinson, 4 to 1, 7 to 5 and 1 to 1; won. Alex. (cay), 110 (Williams), 5 to 1, 1 to 1 and 1 to 1; second. Disturbers, 103 (Crump), 4 to 1, 7 to 5 and 1 to 1; third. Time, 1:53. El Paso and Flying Feet also ran.